

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1, 3-12, 15, 17, and 19-32 are pending, in which claims 2, 13, 14, and 18 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1, 3, 4, 11, 12, 15, 17, 19, and 23-28 are currently amended, and claims 29-32 are newly presented. Claim 6 was previously canceled. No new matter is introduced.

The Final Office Action mailed May 28, 2008 rejected claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by *Perlman et al.* (U.S. 5,558,339).

To reduce issues for potential appeal, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 15, 19, and 23. Independent claims 1, 15, 19, and 23 now recite, **“the contact information comprising an identifier of the one user.”**

Perlman et al. fails to disclose the above features. In fact, the Examiner acknowledges that *Perlman et al.* does not disclose “due to privacy concerns, a player’s phone number is not ‘explicitly’ shown to the opposing player” (page 3 of Final Office Action).

As anticipation under 35 U.S.C. § 102 requires that each and every element of the claim be disclosed in a prior art reference, based on the foregoing, it is clear that *Perlman et al.* does not anticipate amended independent claims 1, 15, 19, and 23. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection, and the indication that these claims, along with claims depending therefrom, are allowable.

Turning to newly added claims 29-32, these claims depend from amended claims 1, 15, 19, and 23, and thus, are allowable at least for the reasons proffered above.

Therefore, the present application overcomes the rejections of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 519-9952 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 504213 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully Submitted,

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